

We claim:

1. An absorbent article comprising:
 - a) an absorbent having first and second longitudinal sides; and
 - b) a liquid permeable wrapper enclosing said absorbent, said wrapper extending laterally outward from each of said first and second longitudinal sides a distance of at least about 10 millimeters to form a pair of fringes capable of being biased upward to form a pair of upstanding side walls when placed in an undergarment, said upstanding side walls forming a pair of reservoirs located adjacent to said absorbent which retain body fluid that has run off of said wrapper until said body fluid can be absorbed by said absorbent.
2. The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein each of said pair of fringes extends from about 10 mm to about 30 mm beyond said first and second longitudinal sides of said absorbent.
3. The absorbent article of claim 1 further comprising an impediment layer positioned below said absorbent.
4. The absorbent article of claim 3 wherein said impediment layer is formed from an adhesive.
5. The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said wrapper has first and second side edges and is C-folded around said absorbent such that said second side edge overlaps said first side edge.
6. The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said wrapper has first and second side edges and is C-folded around said absorbent such that said second side edge abuts said first side edge.
7. The absorbent article of claim 6 wherein said wrapper is spunbond and has a basis weight of from about 0.3 osy to about 1.0 osy.
8. The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said wrapper has first and second spaced apart ends which extend beyond said absorbent and each end is sealed to enclosed said absorbent.

9. The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said absorbent has a height of at least about 10 mm and said each of said pair of upstanding side walls extend above the height of said absorbent when placed in an undergarment.

10. An absorbent article comprising:

- a) an absorbent having first and second longitudinal sides; and
- b) a liquid permeable wrapper having first and second side edges, said wrapper being C-folded around said absorbent such that said second side edge overlaps said first side edge, and said wrapper extending laterally outward from each of said first and second longitudinal sides a distance of at least about 10 millimeters to form a pair of fringes capable of being biased upward to form a pair of upstanding side walls when placed in an undergarment, said upstanding side walls forming a pair of reservoirs located adjacent to said absorbent which retain body fluid that has run off of said wrapper until said body fluid can be absorbed by said absorbent.

11. The absorbent article of claim 10 wherein said absorbent has a height of at least about 10 mm and each of said pair of upstanding side walls extend above the height of said absorbent when placed in an undergarment.

12. The absorbent article of claim 10 wherein each of said pair of upstanding side walls is free of elastics.

13. The absorbent article of claim 10 wherein an impediment layer is positioned between said absorbent and said liquid permeable wrapper and is formed from an adhesive.

14. The absorbent article of claim 10 wherein an impediment layer is positioned between said absorbent and said liquid permeable wrapper and is a polyethylene sheet.

15. The absorbent article of claim 10 wherein said absorbent article is secured to said undergarment by a hook fastener.

16. The absorbent article of claim 10 wherein said wrapper has an exterior surface and a portion of said exterior surface has a non-skid surface that contacts said undergarment.

5 17. An absorbent article comprising:

- a) an absorbent having first and second longitudinal sides; and
- b) a liquid permeable wrapper having first and second spaced apart ends and first and second side edges, said wrapper being C-folded around said absorbent such that said second side edge overlaps said first side edge and said first and second spaced apart ends extend beyond said absorbent and each end is sealed to enclosed said absorbent, said wrapper extending laterally outward from each of said first and second longitudinal sides a distance of at least about 10 millimeters to form a pair of fringes capable of being biased upward to form a pair of upstanding side walls when placed in an undergarment, said upstanding side walls forming a pair of reservoirs located adjacent to said absorbent which retain body fluid that has run off of said wrapper until said body fluid can be absorbed by said absorbent.

18. The absorbent article of claim 16 further comprising an impediment layer positioned below said absorbent and enclosed by said wrapper, said impediment layer being capable of slowing the downward movement of body fluid from said absorbent.

19. The absorbent article of claim 16 wherein said absorbent includes at least two absorbent layers.

20. The absorbent article of claim 18 wherein each of said absorbent layers contains a superabsorbent.

21. The absorbent article of claim 16 wherein said absorbent includes first and second absorbent layers and said first absorbent layer contains a higher percentage of superabsorbent than said second absorbent layer.